

YONKERS PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD MEETING
GRINTON I. WILL BRANCH
December 14, 2017

ATTENDANCE

TRUSTEES:	Nancy Maron Anietra Guzman-Santana Derrick Touba Joseph Puglia
LIBRARY DIRECTOR:	Edward Falcone
DEPUTY DIRECTOR:	Susan Thaler
BUSINESS MANAGER:	Vivian Presedo
ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY:	Sarah McAllister
YONKERS REPRESENTATIVE ON THE WLS BOARD OF TRUSTEES:	None
UNION REPRESENTATIVE:	Rose Bannister, Clerk III, Business Office, Riverfront

The Board Meeting began at 7:05 p.m.

MINUTES

On motion of Tr. Puglia, seconded and carried, the Board approved the Minutes of the Board Meeting of November 16, 2017.

MANAGEMENT REPORT

Director Falcone distributed minutes from the December 12th façade construction meeting to the Board members. He informed them that the bid opening for Phase II is set for January 19, 2018.

Director Falcone reported that the Will Branch boiler project will likely focus on replacing one unit now and replacing the other one at a future date.

Deputy Director Thaler updated the Board on the Montefiore Hudson Valley Collaborative grant. Case workers should be on site in mid-January.

Director Falcone told Board members that the 1000 Books Before Kindergarten committee met on December 11 to plan a start date in early 2018.

A Computer Science Education Week celebration was held in Tech Central on December 5. Director Falcone reported that several city council members, representatives of the Mayor's office, and representatives from the office of State Senator Andrea Stewart-Cousins attended and congratulated members of the Girls Who Code Club on their accomplishments.

Director Falcone advised Board members that the Library was awarded a \$30,000 CDBG Grant to reimburse YPL for computer equipment purchased earlier this year.

Director Falcone informed the Board that the second Staff Development Day is tentatively set for next April, and the schedule of activities is being discussed.

UNION REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT – Union Representative Rose Bannister had nothing to report.

WLS REPORT – None

PERSONNEL REPORT

On motion of Tr. Touba, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board ratified the following appointments:

Mary Robison, Librarian II, \$61,372, effective 12/1/17

Hamza Farooqui, P/T Page, \$10.00/hr., effective 11/25/17

The Board acknowledged the following terminations:

Evencio Alvarez-Martinez, P/T Page, \$11.00/hr., effective 11/18/17
 Eleanora Amoyaw, P/T Page, \$11.00/hr., effective 11/18/17
 Stephanie Bediako, P/T Page, \$10.00/hr., effective 11/18/17
 Cheyenne Darcy, P/T Page, \$11.00/hr., effective 11/18/17
 Radhamely Deleon, P/T Page, \$10.00/hr., effective 11/18/17
 Jesus Delossantos, P/T Page, \$11.00/hr., effective 11/18/17
 Yaw Eshun, P/T Page, \$11.00/hr., effective 11/18/17
 Brittany Kusi-Gyabaah, P/T Page, \$10.00/hr., effective 11/18/17
 Christopher Machado, P/T Page, \$10.00/hr., effective 11/18/17
 Jose Rivera, P/T Page, \$11.00/hr., effective 11/18/17
 Carlos Rodriguez, P/T Page, \$10.00/hr., effective 11/18/17
 Hadil Sarrar, P/T Page, \$11.00/hr., effective 11/18/17
 Jose Velez, P/T Page, \$11.00/hr., effective 11/18/17
 Shaniqua Williams, P/T Page, \$11.00/hr., effective 12/2/17

The Board acknowledged the following pay increase:
 Clara Olaya, P/T Page, \$11.00/hr., effective 12/2/17

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance, Budget & Planning: Maron, Jannetti

On motion of Tr. Guzman-Santana, seconded and carried, the Board approved the following two transfers:

12/16/17 Saunders Book Fund, Sunnyside Federal Savings & Loans Bank, 15 mo. CD, \$75,074.78; 1.10%
 To Sterling National Bank, 14 mo. CD, 1.60%.

12/16/17 Contributions Account, Sunnyside Federal Savings & Loans Bank, 15 mo. CD, \$26,572.85; 1.10%
 To Sterling National Bank, 14 mo. CD, 1.60%.

Employee Relations: Maron, Greenwald

Buildings & Grounds: Maron, Buckley, Guzman-Santana, Touba

Fundraising & Development: Maron, Guzman-Santana, Buckley, Touba, Greenwald

Tr. Guzman-Santana informed Board members that the Yonkers Public Library Foundation is discussing a date in January to hold their first official Board meeting.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

On motion of Tr. Guzman-Santana, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board approved payment of bills as listed on Schedule #786.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Tr. Maron requested a press release be done in February announcing the Library's 125th year in operation and upcoming events to celebrate.

Director Falcone submitted a revised set of recommendations to be included in the FY2019 operating budget request. The deadline for submitting budget package is January 19th. The administrative staff reviewed the document with the Board, and answered questions.

On motion of Tr. Guzman-Santana, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board approved the 2019 Fiscal Year Budget request as presented, with management salaries to be reviewed in May and to be not more than 3%.

NEW BUSINESS

The State of the City Address will be held on Wednesday, March 7, 2018 at the Riverfront Library auditorium.

NEXT BOARD MEETING DATE – Thursday, January 18, 2018, 7:00 p.m. at the Riverfront Library.

The Board meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Edward Falcone
Library Director & Secretary